

October 27, 2003; Agenda Item No. 11(d)

Resolution No. 03-182

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION AND THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COASTAL HABITAT IMPACT MITIGATION FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, coastal development permits have been approved by the California Coastal Commission (Commission) for development in the City of Malibu and Santa Monica Mountains in Los Angeles County that allow mitigation of adverse impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat by payment of a fee to a Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund (Fund); and

WHEREAS, the Local Coastal Program for Malibu (Malibu LCP) that was approved by the Commission in September 2002 also provides for conditions of permit approval that allow payment of a fee to such a Fund for mitigation of such impacts; and

WHEREAS, administration of said Fund would contribute to the acquisition, preservation, and/or restoration of natural habitat areas in the Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone (and in some cases in the Santa Monica Mountains outside the coastal zone); and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy has entered into a joint powers agreement with the Conejo and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Districts pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* to create the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); and

WHEREAS, the staff report dated October 27, 2003 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that these actions are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

2. FINDS that these actions are consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated October 27, 2003.
4. AUTHORIZES entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commission and MRCA regarding the administration of the Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund, Los Angeles County.
5. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 27th day of October, 2003 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

Executive Director